

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: International Security Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of State

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

International Security Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

2208

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/02/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/02/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

22 USC 2581(f)

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

22 U.S.C. § 2581

13. Effective Date

10/21/1998

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$169,900.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$36,102.60	\$310,082.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$74,600.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$67.00	\$2,000.00
18d. Total	\$36,169.60	\$556,582.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.28	2.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board examines issues assigned by the Department of State relating to international security and makes specific recommendations to the Secretary of State and to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security. The Board casts a wide intellectual net, examining a broad range of information, evidence, and concepts relating to scientific, military, diplomatic, political, and public diplomacy aspects of arms control, disarmament, international security, and nonproliferation. The Board reports to the Secretary and the Under Secretary on its findings and makes relevant and timely recommendations, as appropriate. The Board undertakes studies where the members consult with other parties and agencies to obtain a wide assessment of the issues that relate to international security and arms control. The Board's latest study was completed in FY17. During FY18, the Board was inactive and did not meet or conduct studies due to a review of its status by the current administration.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership consists of a diverse set of recognized experts with professional backgrounds in diplomacy, the military, national defense, the intelligence community, academia, and science. All have distinguished records and backgrounds in international security. Thus, the members are able to provide the Secretary and Under Secretary with diverse independent expertise and perspectives. The Department maintains a diverse board of experts with the appropriate background that allowed for focused studies of the topics assigned by the Department.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Charter instructs Board meetings to be held approximately once each quarter. Operationally, each meeting is designed to address the studies approved by the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security and focuses the Board's work on its mission. During FY18, the ISAB did not meet due to a review of its status by the current administration.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Board provides the Department of State with an expert, independent perspective on international security and nonproliferation issues. In the present constrained fiscal environment, the ISAB gives the Department of State, at very low cost, access to expertise and experience not available on a full-time basis. The ISAB provides an outside perspective highly beneficial to the Department and the pursuit of U.S. national security objectives.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Board deals with classified national security information. Any unclassified information discussed during Board meetings could not be segregated in a way that would not hamper the Board's deliberations.

21. Remarks

The Secretary of State's International Security Advisory Board (ISAB) provides the Department of State with independent insight and advice on all aspects of arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation, international security, and related aspects of public diplomacy. The ISAB is sponsored and overseen by the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control And International Security. The ISAB is chartered to have up to 30 members. The Board members reflect a balance of backgrounds, points of view, and demographic diversity and include a wide variety of scientific, military, diplomatic, and political backgrounds.

Designated Federal Officer

Christopher M. Herrick Executive Director, ISAB

Narrative Description

The Board, dealing with the scientific, military, diplomatic, political, and public diplomacy aspects of arms control, disarmament, international security, and nonproliferation provides valuable independent insight and advice and thereby meets an important requirement of the Department.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

ISAB has provided senior policy makers and the Department of State with valuable and unique insight and advice with regards to international security and nonproliferation. The Board is advisory only and does not make policy.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Some Board members and nearly all experts consulted by the Board serve without compensation. The costs of paying for the services of these experts would be significant for the government.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The ISAB was inactive in FY18.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback, when provided, is provided during ISAB Plenary meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Department implements select ISAB recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A